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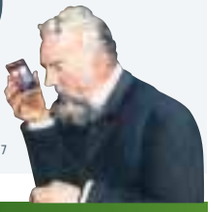

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Saskatoon rockers The Sheepdogs are nominated for three Junos this year, including rock album of the year. For the full story on the Juno nominations, check out today's Scene section. CONTRIBUTED/MATT BARNES

Raising the roof could get a lot greener

City urged to lead by example. Green roofs one of many recommendations on Saskatoon's stormwater-management policy

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Saskatoon's environmental-advisory committee is trying to get the conversation started on green roofs in the city.

As part of a report on the city's stormwater-management policy, the environmental-advisory committee (SEAC) will be discussing a number of recommendations for city council, one of them being the piloting of a green-roof concept.

According to the recommendations, the SEAC wants to see Saskatoon pilot the concept "on select civic facilities and/or with commercial development partners leading to the development of a bylaw mandating green roofs on all commercial buildings over a specified size."

SEAC chair Sean Shaw said green roofs are an effective way of redirecting rainwater away from the city's runoff system and he hopes the recommendation starts a conversation among the city's stakeholders.

"We think it's something that the city should start looking into in a little bit more detail to fully understand how they would work in Saskatoon," said Shaw.

"Hopefully the city could lead by example and develop a green-roof pilot project on one of their own buildings to show how it could be done."

Jordan Richie, director of education and accreditation with Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, said green roofs are becoming more popular in municipalities across the continent, noting they have economic and social value alongside their environmental benefit.

"Stormwater management is really what's driving a lot of municipalities in North America to adopt policies and incentives that encourage green-roof installations," said Richie.

"On a larger scale, especially for larger buildings (and) commercial buildings, they can have a great impact on reducing the quantity of stormwater that's going into the sewer system."

Coming up

The next scheduled meeting for the SEAC is Feb. 21, in which the report will be discussed and reviewed.

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Saskatoon prepares for spring melt following snowy winter

All set. City official says system will handle spring runoff despite more precipitation this winter

Despite record-breaking snowfalls in parts of the province, Saskatoon says it's well prepared for the spring melt.

According to Rob Frank, Saskatoon's strategic services manager, the city has already been clearing city streets throughout the winter to try and ensure runoff water drains properly.

"Our storm system is designed to handle intense rainstorms, so we don't anticipate any issues with the snow melt," said Frank. "Generally the snow melt isn't the same intensity as a rainstorm — even if it melts fast."

He explained even though the system is designed to handle more intense storms public works will be out in full force to ensure all of the city's catch basins — known commonly as storm drains — are ready before the bulk of the melt, but advised the public to take precautions to ensure their home experiences a dry end to winter.

Quoted

"Our storm system is designed to handle intense rainstorms, so we don't anticipate any issues with the snow melt."

Saskatoon's strategic services manager Rob Frank

"They can clear built up snow away from their window wells and their foundations, make sure their eavestrough and gutters are cleared from obstruction and ensure the water has a clear path to flow away from their house," said Frank.

Frank said the city is currently looking at priority areas in Saskatoon and will be clearing the low-lying storm drains first, but added if the public witnesses any flooded intersections or areas where water is unable to get into a storm drain, to alert public works dispatch by calling 975-2476 or 974-2491.

"Obviously we can't be at every intersection or every catch basin throughout the city all the time, so we appreciate getting responses from citizens if they notice an area that's blocked," he said.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Rob Frank, Saskatoon's strategic services manager, poses for a photo in the city's public-work yards on King Street. Frank says the city is well equipped to handle runoff water from the fast approaching spring melt, despite increased snowfall this winter. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Joy ride

Stolen-car chase leads to arrests

After a short-lived pursuit involving a stolen vehicle early Tuesday morning, Saskatoon police have arrested a 14- and 18-year-old.

Officers began their pursuit after a car failed to stop at a routine traffic stop in the area of Broadway and 8th Street East around 2 a.m., ending the chase on Avenue G South. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen.

The two teen boys face charges of possession of stolen property under $5,000 and the 18-year-old driver faces additional charges of failing to stop for police and dangerous driving. METRO

Shortlisted

Saskatchewan-made cookbook up for international award

Founders of the Saskatchewan-based Breast Friends Cookbooks are off to Paris for the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards.

Their fifth cookbook — Breast Wishes, For the Men in Our Lives — has been shortlisted for the Best in World category for North America, joining Michelle Obama and Microsoft as nominees.

Breast Friends Cookbooks started in 2004 with 10 women from Foam Lake and has grown to six best-selling books and $1.4 million dollars raised for cancer research.

"We've come a long way from sitting around a table sharing recipes to going to Paris," said founder Jacquie Klebeck. METRO

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Pistorius says he mistook his girlfriend for intruder

Premeditated murder charge. Prosecutors say the evidence proves the killing was no accident

The chief magistrate ruled that Pistorius must face the harshest bail requirements. MASI LOSI, PRETORIA NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius wept Tuesday as his defence lawyer read the athlete's account of how he shot his girlfriend to death on Valentine's Day, claiming he had mistaken her for an intruder.

Prosecutors, however, told a packed courtroom that the double-amputee mercilessly killed 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp as she cowered inside a locked bathroom.

Pistorius told the Pretoria Magistrate's Court at a bail hearing he felt vulnerable in the presence of an intruder inside the bathroom because he did not have his prosthetic legs on, and fired into the door.

In a major point of contention, prosecutor Gerrie Nel said Pistorius took the time to put on his prostheses, walked seven metres from the bed to the enclosed toilet inside his bathroom and only then opened fire. Three of the four bullets fired into the door hit Steenkamp, Nel said.

Pistorius said in his sworn statement that after opening fire, he realized Steenkamp was not in his bed.

"It filled me with horror and fear," Pistorius said.

The 26-year-old Olympian said he put on his prosthetic legs and tried to kick down the door before finally bashing it in with a cricket bat. Inside, he said he found Steenkamp. He said he lifted her bloodied body and tried to carry her downstairs to seek help.

Nel said the athlete opened fire after the couple engaged in a shouting match and she fled to the bathroom.

"She couldn't go anywhere," Nel said. "It must have been horrific." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The victim

Reeva Steenkamp actively campaigned against domestic violence.

- **South Africa** has the world's highest rate of women killed by an intimate partner, according to a study by the Medical Research Council. Professor Rachel Jewkes of the council said at least three women are killed by a partner every day in the country of 50 million.

A woman holds a photo of Reeva Steenkamp as she leaves her funeral Tuesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gas explosion lights up entire Kansas City block

A gas explosion that sparked a massive, block-engulfing blaze in an upscale Kansas City shopping district injured 14 people, a city official said Tuesday evening, adding that it is believed that an accident involving a utility contractor may have caused the blast.

City Manager Troy Schulte said he had not heard of any fatalities.

Earlier, Kansas City police had said the blast was caused by a car crashing into a gas main just after 6 p.m. Fire officials said later they were not aware of a crash being involved in the blast.

Police Sgt. Tony Sanders said the manager of JJ's restaurant, which was destroyed in the explosion, was unable to account for three people, but it was unclear whether they were caught in the blaze or had left earlier.

The University of Kansas Hospital was treating five people injured in the blast, said spokesman Bob Hallinan. He said one person was in critical condition, two were in serious condition and two others were expected to be released. He said all the injuries were traumatic, such as broken bones, rather than burns or smoke inhalation.

In this image taken from video from KCTV, firefighters battle a massive fire at Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday. KCTV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kerry O'Connor, a spokeswoman for St. Luke's Hospital, which is near the scene of the fire, said several patients were sent to the hospital. She said they hadn't yet been assessed but appeared "to be critical."

The smell of gas remained very strong near the area long after the explosion.

Jim Ligon, a bartender who has worked at JJ's restaurant for five years, wasn't working Tuesday night but said he started getting texts and calls from co-workers minutes after the explosion.

He said the incident happened during the peak of weekday happy hour, when there is typically anywhere from 15 to 45 people in the bar area as well as three to five tables of diners at the restaurant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toxic milk? Health scare engulfs the Balkans after official posts test results

Reports that milk in the Balkans has been contaminated with a cancer-causing toxin have triggered a major health scare, with authorities appealing for calm on Tuesday, before official tests are done.

Most health officials in the region are insisting that the milk is safe and that aflatoxins are not harmful in small amounts. But a warning by a regional official has fuelled doubts about the official line, suspicions fed by the region's widespread corruption and the cosy ties between politicians and industry.

Senior Serbian agriculture official Goran Jesic claimed on his personal website that out of 35 tested milk samples in Serbia, 29 had higher levels of aflatoxins than allowed. He published a list of various brands of milk with high levels, saying the government was keeping them secret.

"If you ask me whether to buy milk, the answer is no," Jesic, the official in charge of Serbia's breadbasket region of Vojvodina, told a media conference. "I can't say why the state was hiding (the sample results); the state is to blame for this."

One dose of aflatoxin or two? DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A low dose of aflatoxin, linked to mildewed cattle feed, is not considered harmful, but high doses are linked to cancer. The Balkans experienced an extremely dry summer last year, which affected crops and provided conditions for the poisonous mould to grow, mostly in corn used as animal feed.

Serbia's National Consumers Association said that 17 kinds of milk had been tested. In 13, the toxin levels pushed but did not exceed the upper limits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brantford, Ont.

StatsCan worker trashes hotel room

Broken furniture. Stained carpets. Ink-smeared bed sheets. Damaged wallpaper.

Newly released documents show one census taker's wild party left Statistics Canada with a hefty bill for her trashed hotel room.

Eight enumerators rolled into Brantford, Ont., in July 2011 and checked into the Hampton Inn.

One room was trashed. The total bill came to nearly $6,000. Statistics Canada settled for $4,000.

The unnamed census-taker said she felt bad and would have cleaned up with "Pledge and a vacuum" if she hadn't been in such a rush. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Theft in Brussels

$50-million gems gone in 5 minutes

Eight masked gunmen forced their way through the security fence at Brussels' international airport and snatched some $50 million worth of diamonds from a plane in five minutes without firing a shot.

The gang dressed like policemen and used black vehicles with flashing blue lights in their raid late Monday, said Anja Bijnens from the local prosecutor's office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Global warming

Expect less snow. Also more: Experts

Scant snowfall but huge blizzards — 10 U.S. climate scientists say that's the new world we live in thanks to global warming.

A warmer climate is likely to decrease the overall amount of snow each year and shrink the snow season, they explain. But when it is cold enough for a snowstorm to hit, the slightly warmer air can carry more moisture, producing potentially historic blizzards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climate change

Tory carbon policy a mess: Report

The Conservative decision to go with complex, sector-by-sector regulation of emissions while provinces experiment with market-driven policies, such as cap-and-trade systems and carbon taxes makes for a confusing and possibly expensive patchwork, said a report released Tuesday by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. THE CANADIAN PRESS

California shooting rampage leaves 4 dead

'I killed somebody. Today is my last day.'
No indication of motive in brutal crime spree

Police investigators examine a gun lying by the scene of a shooting spree that left four dead and two others injured.
MARK RIGHTMIRE/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A violent rampage that left four dead began in the predawn hours Tuesday when a 20-year-old killed a woman in his southern California home and sped away in his parents' car, authorities said.

An hour later, it was over — but not before Ali Syed had killed two more people during carjackings, shot up vehicles on a busy freeway interchange and left three others injured in a trail of carnage that stretched across 40 kilometres in suburban Orange County.

One driver was forced from his BMW at a stop sign, marched to a curb and shot in the back of the head as other commuters watched in horror.

"He was basically executed," Santa Ana police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said. "There were at least six witnesses."

Syed later killed himself. He lived with his parents at a residence where the first victim, an unidentified woman in her 20s, was slain, Tustin police Chief Scott Jordan said. He was unemployed, taking one class at a local community college, Jordan said.

The woman was not related to the shooter and it wasn't known what she was doing at the home, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

Syed's parents were in the house at the time, fled the residence when shots were fired, and reported it, he said.

Jordan said Syed stated to one carjacking victim: "I don't want to hurt you. I killed somebody. Today is my last day."

The killings happened not long after a bloody saga that gripped Southern California for six days, as former Los Angeles police officer Christopher Dorner eluded a massive manhunt after killing three people.

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Gun penalties. Toronto shootings used to support mandatory minimums

Gun violence in Toronto once prompted Ottawa to enact stiffer mandatory minimum sentences, and government lawyers are now raising the recent gun deaths of four Toronto-area boys as those penalties undergo a major test.

Ontario's Appeal Court is hearing six gun-crime cases jointly this week, since all of the appeals centre on controversial mandatory minimums. Crown attorneys for both the federal and provincial governments were the first to make arguments before the special five-judge panel in a courtroom packed with two dozen lawyers.

The hearings are focusing on the three-year mandatory minimum sentence for possession of a loaded illegal gun. The law was enacted in 2008 as part of the federal Conservatives' omnibus crime bill, but was first proposed in response to a spate of gun violence in Toronto in 2005.

It was dubbed "the year of the gun," but no gun death galvanized politicians as much as the death of 15-year-old Jane Creba. The teen was in a crowd teeming with downtown Boxing Day shoppers when she was hit with a bullet as a gunfight suddenly broke out between two rival groups.

Such shootings threatened Canadian values "by a new gun culture and gun lawlessness," provincial Crown Attorney Riun Shandler told the Appeal Court.

"The plague of handguns in this city continues," he said.

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Fatal trend

- Federal Crown Attorney Moiz Rahman also noted that a 15-year-old was shot and killed on the weekend — the fourth minor to die in gunfire in the Toronto area this year.
- The youngest of those victims was nine-year-old Kesean Williams, who was fatally shot in the head by a bullet fired outside his Brampton, Ont., home while he was watching TV.

Whereabouts unknown. French family of 7 kidnapped in Cameroon

A French family of seven — including four children — was kidnapped on Tuesday in northern Cameroon, and officials suggested the involvement of one of Nigeria's Islamic extremist sects.

Military helicopters are being used to search for the tourists, who were abducted from Cameroon's Far North Region, a Cameroonian government official told The Associated Press.

The French gas group GDF Suez identified the captives as an employee working in the Cameroon capital of Yaounde and his family. The group was vacationing in the north, a company statement said without elaborating.

"The three adult tourists and four children were picked up early today (Tuesday) by men riding on motorbikes who rode off toward the border into Nigeria," the Far North Regional Delegate in the Ministry of Forest and Wildlife, Jean-David Ndjigba, said from the province's capital of Maroua.

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Found in a cement barrel. Arrests made in gruesome slaying of Russian official

Zooming around in a Rolls Royce and boasting of ties to Chechnya's strongman ruler, Mikhail Pakhomov didn't live the life of the average provincial Russian lawmaker. He didn't die the death of one either.

Pakhomov, 37, a councilman from the industrial city of Lipetsk, 350 kilometres south of Moscow, was found beaten to a pulp at the bottom of a barrel of cement Monday after what investigators say was a business deal gone wrong — and a kidnapping that went even worse.

Evgeny Kharitonov, a former senior official in the Moscow regional government, was arrested at a Moscow airport Monday and charged with organizing Pakhomov's kidnapping over an $80-million debt. A warrant was issued Tuesday for his business partner, Sergei Krasovsky. Four other men are charged with the murder-kidnapping, and another three with a related theft.

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Jihadist insurgency

French soldier dies in Mali clash

A French soldier was shot to death on Tuesday in a clash with jihadists in a mountainous region of Mali's far north, a critical operation in France's bid to end a growing stranglehold by radicals who had imposed an extreme brand of Islam over more than half the West African country and threatened the borders beyond. The death of the French Legionnaire, announced by President Francois Hollande, brings the French death toll to two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seal deaths

Three teens arrested in PEI

Police have arrested three teenage boys as suspects in an investigation that was launched after about 50 dead seals were found last month on a beach in Prince Edward Island. The RCMP says the boys, aged 15, 17 and 18, have been released into the custody of their parents until they appear in court on April 11.

The Mounties say they have not been charged yet but will face charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals.

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Today we've profiled the state of Canadian innovation and where the seeds of ideas are being sown. Governments are stepping up with increased innovation investment, and the private sector is poised to jump on the opportunities. Canada is ripe for the next wave of social, cultural and technological innovation.

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CANADA: OUR HOME

Answering the call.

Government, investors & academics are serious about leading us out of innovation's backwoods

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In the mid-1800s, a Canadian scientist sought to honour his deaf mother and wife through understanding the science of hearing.

By 1874 he was splitting time between his Brantford, Ont., home and a Boston laboratory, gaining a reputation as one of the most intelligent and inventive scientists in the Western hemisphere. It was in Boston, though, where he would develop the vital relationships — and funding — required to produce the technology that would change the way billions of people communicated.

Most of us wouldn't have known the name Alexander Graham Bell had it not been for American businessmen Gardiner Hubbard and Tom Sanders.

Aside from being Bell's father-in-law, Hubbard, along with Sanders, provided the resources required for experimental prototypes.

Nearly 150 years later, inspired Canadian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs continue to head south to have their dreams realized.

A 2010 report by the Conference Board of Canada gave our country a D grade for its innovation efforts and a ranking of 14 out of 17 developed countries (below Austria and Denmark). They defined innovation as "the ability to turn knowledge into new and improved goods and services."

The report found Canada lagging in several key innovation indicators, including patents produced per capita, export market share of electronics and pharmaceuticals as well as technology manufacturing.

Later that year, the government assembled an expert panel from the academic and corporate worlds to solve the innovation gap. The result was a report entitled Innovation Canada: A Call to Action, a review of innovation over the past 30 years that provided a framework for repositioning Canada's economy.

"The budget last year, which was only maybe six months after the report, enacted a whole host of initiatives that were recommended in the report," says Tom Jenkins, the panel's chair.

Among Jenkins's several distinguished titles is executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText.

According to him, two significant barriers to innovation are the bureaucratic red tape keeping entrepreneurs from tax credits, and turning the government, one of the market's largest buyers, into a customer.

Progress has been made on the former through simplification of the Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax-incentive program (known as SHRED).

The latter has been considered through the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program (CICP), which awards government contracts to the most innovative firms. For Jenkins, these are steps in the right direction, but more needs to be done by the public sector to drive competition.

"In our research, we found that customers, demanding customers, in a competitive environment are the No. 1 driver of innovation," he said. "The private sector has this built-in conveyor belt that forces it to innovate, and if it's not innovating fast enough or big enough, then that's where government, which has a different agenda, needs to sort of weigh in and encourage."

Jenkins notes four key components of an innovation ecosystem:

Talent

Canada's schools continue to perform well on a global stage, but now it's a matter of cultivating this wealth of intelligence and creativity.

Toronto has seen the formation of university-based innovation centres, like Ryerson's Digital Media Zone (DMZ), alongside innovation-focused post-grad programs.

The same can be said for the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

Capital

Today's entrepreneurs look to government grants and loans in the public sector and large, daring investment companies

Quoted

"I think overall we are still lagging in innovation. As a score, we're certainly not at the top. The Conference Board, the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity — they all show that we can do better, and historically we have done better."

Tom Jenkins is the executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo-based software company OpenText, serves on boards for a variety of software companies, is a member of several national academic councils and is the chair of the Canadian Digital Media Council.

Ironically, Alexander Graham Bell, arguably this country's greatest innovator, had on to create the BlackBerry found that things have gotten a little better for bright

Suzie's path of innovation

Suzie could be your average Canadian. She is intelligent, creative and motivated. She doesn't mind her job but is constantly day-dreaming about building something she can call her own. Suzie has ideas but she's the only one who knows them. She has plans but doesn't know how to carry them out.

The entrepreneurial road can be daunting, but if Suzie can follow five steps, she could end up with exactly what she's been dreaming of.

STEPHEN BALDWIN/METRO

Conception

A great idea can come in an "'a-ha!" moment or through weeks of brainstorming. Ideas come in all shapes and sizes and can be original or improvements to current concepts or products. Who hasn't thought, "That would be so much better if..."? Thoughts will be swirling and questions will arise: what purpose it will serve? How will we execute it? Is there a market? Just don't spend too much time coming up with the company name.

Collaboration

Ideas begin to take shape when people with a common interest or goal work together. Everyone's got a unique perspective, and incorporating everyone's input on a product or service can be painstaking — but necessary — as the idea percolates. Breakthroughs are the result of hours of tedious work. Having someone to help carry the burden and responsibility can allow you to get where you need to be faster and more effectively. For those who can't find their entrepreneurial soul mate, meet-ups and forums can help.

AND INNOVATIVE LAND

to leave Canada to pursue the inventions he envisioned. His successors who went people with bright ideas. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

(angel investors and venture-capital funds) in the private sector. Examples of the latter include VA Angels (Alberta), Version One Ventures (B.C.), First Angel Network (Nova Scotia), Extreme Venture Partners (Toronto), Sask Works Venture Fund and the Manitoba Knights.

Infrastructure

Innovation hubs called incubators and accelerators continue to pop up throughout the country, often in collaboration with universities. They have helped companies in Waterloo, like OpenText and BlackBerry, thrive.

"It's where you get to perform the contact sport," Jenkins says. "In those centres, there are accountants, bankers, people who can access mentors. That's absolutely essential."

Customers

A concentrated customer base is essential to the growth of a company, but the Internet has made it so that this is no longer a geographical requirement. A Canadian startup can come up with a product that caters specifically to Icelanders.

In January, Stephen Harper announced a $400-million investment in venture capital.

It's a big step for a government that has been criticized both at home and abroad for living in the past, and with the infrastructure in place, it's now on the private sector, and the next generation of entrepreneurs, to take advantage.

Regardless of the outcome, Canadians can find comfort in the adage that tolerance breeds innovation. But in this game, according to Jenkins, getting too comfortable can mean falling behind.

"It's the nature of innovation that you cannot rest on your laurels. Because innovation, by its nature, is constantly changing and constantly challenging countries or companies to keep up. This is not a snapshot, it's a treadmill."

Startups

Canadian innovation: A cautionary tale

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Canada's track record for supporting innovation is good — but it could be better, experts say.

More available capital, resource support and a dash of bravado might be what it takes to push our creative envelope to the max.

Small-business consultant Mark Evans believes the investment community looks at the big-ticket items at the expense of overlooking niche innovation.

"There are not enough sources of seed capital, and a lot has to do with the investment mentality that prevails with big investors who are more conservative. We're happy giving money to companies that want to dig holes in the ground (minerals, etc.), but it's a different game when it comes to other investments," said Evans, a former business journalist turned consultant, with past credits in the Financial Post and the Globe & Mail.

Small businesses in Canada is a big deal. They account for 98 per cent of our ongoing businesses — and many of them started up to fill a niche or provide a service with an innovative idea or approach. They are the drivers of innovation.

"It's important that people (especially the youth of tomorrow) begin thinking like entrepreneurs," says Lesley Wilmot, director of marketing and communication at the Canadian Youth Business Association.

Small businesses aren't small potatoes in Canada. They account for 98 per cent of ongoing businesses in the country. But are today's youth thinking like entrepreneurs? PHOTOS.COM

"We need them for our economy to continue to grow."

Wilmot's organization was established by the government in 1996 and provides youth between 18 and 39 with much-needed startup capital and access to mentors, who offer business advice, guidance and collaboration.

The government and private sector are stepping up with more credit and support for innovative small businesses across the country.

The final step, according to Evans, is believing we're innovators. Canada has long been an innovative nation, but we tend to shy from the limelight.

"Canadians are too modest and humble for their own good compared to the U.S., who are always ready to declare themselves as the best or No. 1," said Evans.

More online

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Funding and incubation

Venture capitalism and angel investors are emerging as popular avenues for funding. These investors are willing to bet big on great ideas, often for a piece of the company or its profits. Small businesses can also look to available grants and loans offered by each level of government. Incubators and accelerators provide new businesses with the resources and mentoring needed to grow. Both often provide funding, but their real value is in helping you develop your idea in a collaborative setting.

Experimentation

This varies depending on the idea or application. Web startups will launch a beta version of their site, while others require a more tactile approach (e.g., testing/demonstration in the targeted industry, trade shows/showcases, etc.). This stage allows kinks to be smoothed and, in some cases, forces you to start from scratch.

Marketing

This step is often overlooked but it's as important as the others. You've put together something fresh and innovative, but no one knows about it, so no one cares. Researching and seeking out those people who can influence the success of your innovation is critical. The way you present your business will say a lot about what you do and how you do it. Done right, you can allow the innovation to speak for itself.

Great-West to buy Ireland's top life-insurance provider

EU economic recovery.
Winnipeg-based firm strikes deal with Irish government to privatize bailed-out company

Great-West Lifeco world headquarters is pictured in Winnipeg on Tuesday. The company will acquire Irish Life Group for $1.75 billion through an agreement with the Government of Ireland. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Great-West Lifeco Inc. will buy Irish Life Group for $1.75 billion from the Government of Ireland, which acquired the financial-services company last summer as part of a bailout of its former parent.

Irish Life provides life insurance, pension management and investment services to more than one million customers — including about 800,000 individual policy holders.

It also manages assets worth the equivalent of $50 billion and employs about 2,200 people — almost all in Ireland.

"The acquisition of Irish Life is transformational for our companies in Ireland," Great-West president and CEO Allen Loney said Tuesday.

He said Great-West will become Ireland's leading provider of life insurance, pension and investment services with the single transaction.

The Winnipeg-based company began its pursuit of Irish Life when an auction process was launched in September 2011 but withdrew in November of that year due to the European sovereign debt and banking crisis. Speaking from Dublin in a phone interview, Loney said that negotiations resumed about two-and-a-half months ago in November 2012, after the economy began to show signs of improvement.

Loney said Great-West was attracted by Irish Life's strong management, product range, market share and technology and heartened by improvements in the macroeconomic situation. "It's a very youthful demographic here in Ireland. We feel very confident that there will be good growth in Ireland in times to come," Loney said.

"Certainly, the Irish economic situation and fiscal situation ... (has) improved out of all recognition in the last 18 months or so." THE CANADIAN PRESS

EU mystery-meat scandal. Fancy some horse ravioli? Nestle recalls pasta meals

The world's biggest food and drinks maker, Nestle SA, has become the latest company to pull some of its products off European shelves after they were found to contain undeclared horsemeat.

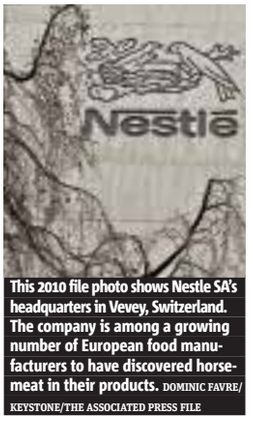
The company, based in Vevey, Switzerland, said in a statement late Monday that it withdrew some of its beef pasta meals from sale after tests conducted two days earlier detected horse DNA. Nestle said it increased its surveillance after reports emerged last month of mislabelled products being sold in Britain.

"Our tests have found traces of horse DNA in two products made from beef supplied by H.J. Schypke," Nestle said in a statement. "The levels found are above the one per cent threshold the U.K.'s Food Safety Agency uses to indicate likely adulteration or gross negligence."

H.J. Schypke, a German subcontractor for one of Nestle's suppliers, Belgium-based JBS Toledo N.V., said in a statement Tuesday that it had never knowingly procured horsemeat.

"We regret this incident and will intensify our efforts to provide the highest quality products," it said. "As a result, we will conduct genetic tests on all raw incoming meat in future."

Nestle insisted that the Buitoni Beef Ravioli and Beef Tortellini meals sent to Italy and Spain and frozen meat sold as Lasagnes à la Bolognaise Gourmandes to catering businesses in France were safe to consume. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This 2010 file photo shows Nestle SA's headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland. The company is among a growing number of European food manufacturers to have discovered horsemeat in their products. DOMINIC FAVRE/KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Z10. Analysts increasingly polarized on BlackBerry

Analysts are split on the future of BlackBerry and its prospects for sales success, as Canaccord Genuity pulled back its expectations for the smartphone maker on Tuesday.

The investment firm said it believes shipments of the new BlackBerry devices in February will fall short of earlier predictions of just 300,000 units, a far cry from its initial estimate of more than 1.75 million.

The outlook adds to a polarizing view of the smartphone maker from the analyst community, which has a range of price targets from nearly $23 to as little as $9. Canaccord sits at the low end of those expectations.

Canaccord said its global surveys show initial sales have been mixed for the BlackBerry Z10, with limited supply rather than overwhelming demand behind post-launch shortages at some stores.

Quoted

"Our follow-up checks have indicated steady but modest (Z10) sales levels."
Canaccord analyst Michael Walkley

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Email wars. Microsoft kicks off marketing blitz to promote Outlook.com

Microsoft is so confident it has the Internet's best email service that it is about to spend at least $30 million to send its message across the U.S.

The barrage began Tuesday when Microsoft's twist on email, Outlook.com, escalated an assault on rival services from Google Inc., Yahoo Inc., AOL Inc. and a long list of Internet service providers.

As part of the process, all users of Microsoft's Hotmail and other email services operating under different domains, such as MSN.com, will be automatically converted to Outlook.com by the summer, if they don't voluntarily switch before then. All the old messages, contacts and settings in the old inboxes will be exported to Outlook.com. Users will also be able to keep their old addresses.

Email remains a key battleground, even at a time when more people are texting each other on phones.

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Gulf of Mexico oil spill

BP civil trial to proceed Monday

BP says it has failed to reach a settlement in advance of next week's civil trial on the Deepwater Horizon accident and is ready to defend itself vigorously against allegations of gross negligence in the U.S.'s biggest environmental disaster.

Rupert Bondy, the group's general counsel, said in a statement that settlement demands were "not based on reality or the merits of the case."

Billions are at stake in the Feb. 25 trial in New Orleans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Java vulnerability

Apple says some of its office Macs were hacked

Apple says a small number of Mac computers at its offices were infected by malicious software in an attack similar to the one Facebook acknowledged last week.

In both cases, computers were infected through software downloaded from a developers' site. The attacks took advantage of flaws in the Java plug-in for browsers; the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has recommended disabling the plug-in. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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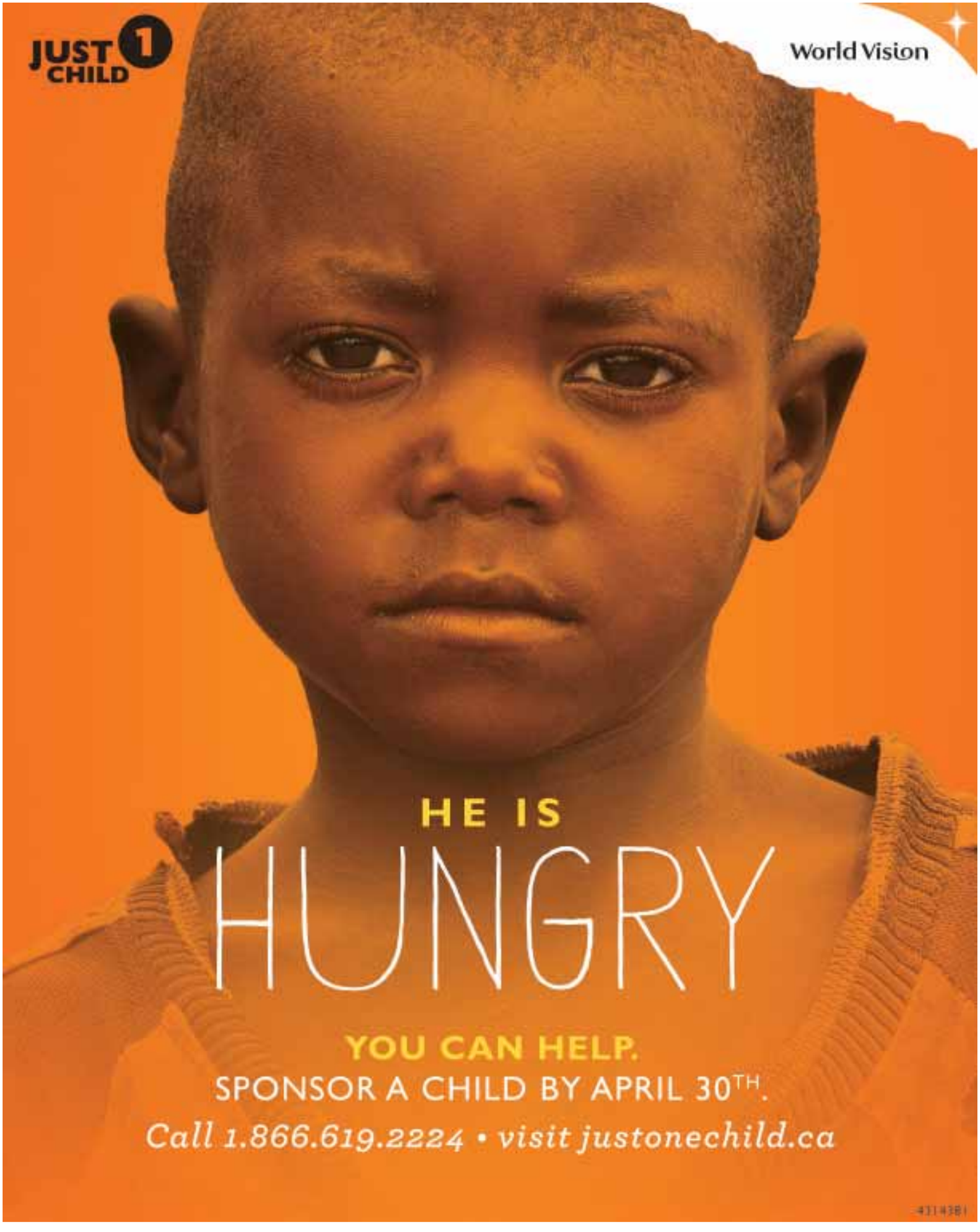
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Most astronauts explore space, the final frontier.

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Hadfield is the first Canadian commander of the International Space Station, and, unlike previous, more conventional Canadian astronauts, Cmdr. Hadfield is knocking them dead.

It's as if he was on his way to Vegas and, instead of taking I-95, he took the second star to the right and went straight on until morning.

Since climbing aboard the ISS just before Christmas, he has: chatted with Captain Kirk, that other enterprising Canadian; composed a song and sung it with Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies; sent valentines from space ("My heart glows like the Northern Lights ..."); participated in Ask Me Anything on Reddit; taken hundreds of vacation snaps (I think this one is Dublin by day ...); and tweeted compulsively to his 360,000 followers on Twitter.

Back here on the ground, we're not used to entertaining astronauts. Astronauts are tucked in and trim. They say things such as "roger, wilco," not "Wow, I can feel the warmth of the Irish all the way up here. Go raibh maith agaibh!," which is what he tweeted after posting his high-flying photo of Dublin.

High-flying showman

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Hard to tell what he'll do for an encore, but you can bet his global audience will demand it. Maybe he'll be held over, like that other Canadian astronomical stalwart, Cirque du soleil.

It's also hard to tell what this virtuoso tour de farce is doing for space exploration or the Canadian Space Agency, but more than one commentator has pointed out it will be harder to close it down by any government that doesn't have a death wish. Like the RCMP Musical Ride and the Snowbirds, you can't shut Chris Hadfield down any more than you can shut him up.

As I write, he's just finished demonstrating how to make a sandwich in a weightless state. (Peanut butter and honey on a space tortilla that's virtually indestructible. Yum.)

Of course, Hadfield's Orbiting Space Shenanigans aren't universally popular. Some people think he's trivializing space exploration and research. We spent how much to send Bozo into orbit? What about serious issues such as global warming? And, if you're a conspiracy theorist, what's he really doing up there?

Still, anyone with 360,000 followers must be doing something right. I think I've added 36 followers across the same time span. Of course, I can't tell you how to make a PB-and-honey sandwich in total weightlessness. I can, however, recommend crunchy over smooth, a tip that's worth its weightlessness in gold.

There's cosmic gold in them thar hills: "Tá Éire fiorálainn! Land of green hills and dark beer. With capital Dublin glowing in the Irish night," @Cmdr_Hadfield tweeted this photo on Monday, of the city taken from the ISS. TWITTER

Go-go Golden-i gadget

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Inspector's gadget

Headset lets police look through walls

This head-mounted computer promises to give police officers and other emergency services Robocop-like abilities. The Golden-i unit is operated by voice commands and head movements and allows the wearer to access vital information without using their hands. The device also offers the ability to see through walls thanks to infrared technology. METRO

Golden-i's infrared vision: developers say their gadget allows officers to record situations for later analysis and view live video feeds from other Golden-i devices. COURTESY OF GOLDEN-I/REX FEATURES

In stores this year

You too can spy with a Golden-i

Made by U.S.-based Kopin Corp. and U.K. firm Ikanos Consulting, Golden-i was showcased at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month, although "no pricing has been announced yet," a spokesperson told Metro. The Golden-i professional kit is expected to be released by the summer, while a consumer version is set for later in the year. METRO

Golden-i's powers

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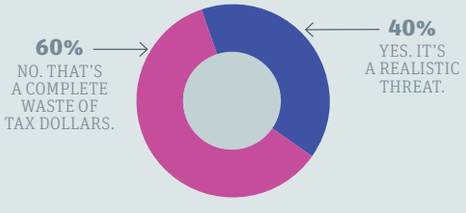

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@AndrewMatte: I am disappointed this morning with concert promoters in #yqr #yxe. Rush announced summer tour dates today — no Sask. dates. @rushisaband

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Musician Carly Rae Jepsen — seen here performing during the Believe Tour in Los Angeles in October — received five Juno nominations on Tuesday, including album of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Call me Juno: Carly Rae Jepsen tops nominee list

Award contenders. Justin Bieber, Johnny Reid, Leonard Cohen and Deadmau5 also recognized with multiple nominations

Looks like the Juno Awards knew Carly Rae Jepsen's number.

The singer from British Columbia — whose monster single Call Me Maybe took the world by storm in 2012 — landed a leading five nominations on Tuesday, prompting a flood of kudos and even spontaneous singing from fellow nominees gathered at a media conference.

"It's catchy. It's in my blood," Maestro Fresh Wes, a nominee for rap recording of the year, said as he burst into the chorus of Call Me Maybe in a red-carpet interview.

"You can't help it, man. It's cool, man, it's cool, and I wish her all the best. It's a lot of hard work. People just see the final product, they don't see the blood, sweat and tears that was put into making that project come into fruition, so all the best to her."

Jepsen was nominated for two prizes at the recent Grammy Awards but went home empty-handed.

At the Junos, she'll vie for the fan choice award, single of the year, album of the year, artist of the year and pop album of the year.

"It's a great pop song — let's not mess around," said Erik Arnesen, banjo/guitar player for the Great Lake Swimmers, who are nominated for roots and traditional group album of the year.

"It's a shame she wasn't able to get the Grammys so here's hoping she gets some recognition in her own country."

"I was a little disappointed she didn't get a Grammy," added Ottawa teen country singer Kira Isabella, who's nominated for breakthrough artist of the year.

"I hope she wins big this time. I'm really proud of her. She's had an amazing year.

"(Call Me Maybe) has to win song of the year! People that say they're sick of it — it just grew on me even more."

Jepsen's biggest competition is Stratford, Ontario-bred teen phenom Justin Bieber, who is next in line with four nominations: fan choice, best album, best artist and pop album.

Justin Bieber will be competing with Jepsen for artist of the year at the 2013 Juno Awards, airing live from Regina on April 21. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Other contenders for artist of the year include electronic producer Deadmau5 (née Joel Zimmerman), country music charmer Johnny Reid and legendary troubadour Leonard Cohen, who received two other nominations — fan choice and songwriter of the year.

Meanwhile, Cohen's son, Adam, is up for the inaugural adult contemporary album of the year. That category also includes The Tenors and pop superstar Céline Dion, who is also nominated for fan choice and album of the year.

Other triple Juno nominees include rockers Billy Talent, Hedley, Metric, Marianas Trench and the Sheepdogs, who tied with Feist as the leading winners of last year's Junos in Ottawa with three trophies apiece.

The Sheepdogs and Billy Talent will face off for rock album of the year, a category that also includes Big Wreck, Rush and the Tragically Hip.

Jepsen is also scheduled to sing at the Junos, which will be held in Regina on April 21.

"Regina's been a regular stop for us on tour for many, many years, so we're looking forward to the party on the Prairies," said Tony Dekker, founding member of the Great Lake Swimmers.

Eleven-time Juno winner Michael Bublé, who is nominated this year for the fan choice award, will host the show and perform.

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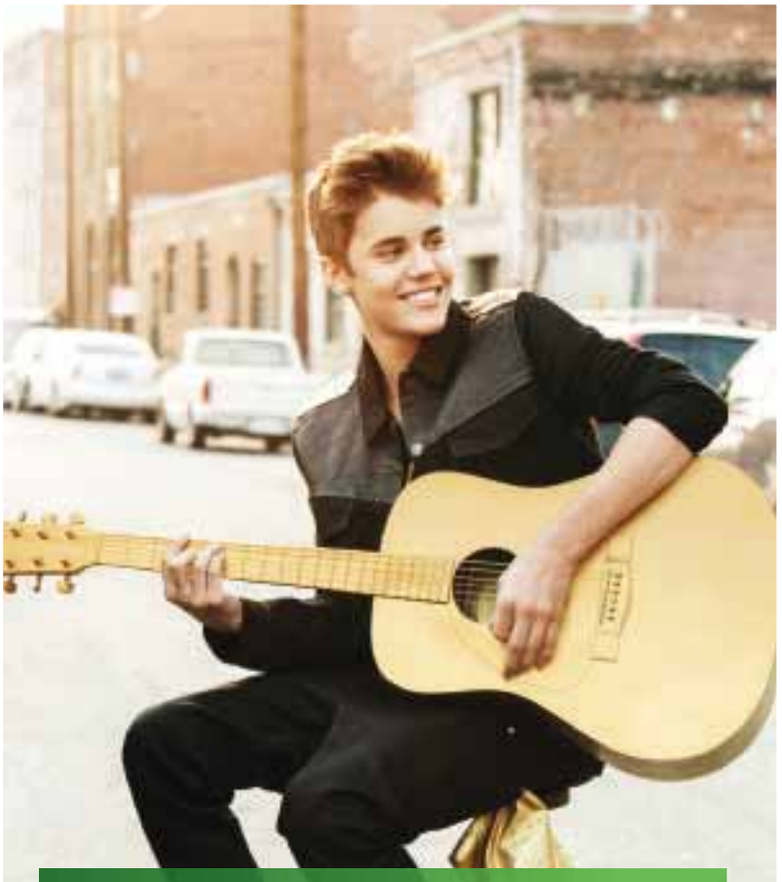
Saskatchewan nominees

- **The Sheepdogs.** The rockers were nominated for group of the year, rock album of the year and single of the year for The Way It Is.
- **Donny Parenteau.** The Métis singer was recognized for Aboriginal album of the year.
- **Colin James.** The six-time Juno winner is up for blues album of the year for his latest release FIFTEEN.



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Paltrow has lost her passion for acting, source says

Gwyneth Paltrow just isn't feeling it anymore when it comes to her acting career, according to Us Weekly.

"She's lost her passion for movies," a source says. "She won't quit acting. Her plan is to do one, maybe two supporting parts a year."

So what else will Paltrow do to fill her time? The source says she will mainly focus on her lifestyle website, Goop, with an aim to emulate another blonde star: Jessica Simpson. "She admires Jessica's empire," the source says. "She wants to make a killing." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Renee Zellweger

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Zellweger not afraid of some PDA

Renee Zellweger is enjoying her relationship with guitarist Doyle Bramhall, and she's not afraid to show it.

The pair was spotted making out on the beach during their current Hawaiian vacation, according to E! News.

"They have been really cute together," a source says. "They've been openly kissing and cuddling. He even has his guitar on vacation with him and was playing it for her while they waited for their rental car."

Charlize Theron

Star-studded first birthday party

Charlize Theron's one-year-old adopted son, Jackson, is already making headlines for his A-list birthday party, according to E! News.

"Sandra Bullock was one of the first guests to arrive with her son Louis," a source says of the fete held Sunday at Theron's Hollywood Hills home. "As they walked into the party, they bumped into Chelsea Handler who had also just arrived in a limousine. They all walked in together and headed for the backyard where children's music was playing and kids were running around."

Tee up with the greats at the World Golf Hall of Fame

Exclusive club. Take a break from duffing and dream of what it would be like to swing like Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower's golf shoes. Sam Snead's lunch box. Canadian legend Marlene Stewart Streit's first hole-in-one trophy. These are among the thousands of artifacts displayed at the World Golf Hall of Fame, the centrepiece of Florida's World Golf Village, a combination resort and theme park located between Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

As in every corner of the golf-obsessed Sunshine State, the northeast has targeted golf travellers, who account for one-third of the rounds played annually. More than 50 public-play courses are found in a 153-kilometre stretch of prime beachfront marketers have tagged Florida's First Coast, since it was the first region settled by Europeans and offers the first beaches most vacationers see as they motor into the state.

Many visitors to the World Golf Hall of Fame stay on site at the refurbished 300-room Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, then set out to explore the village's shops, restaurants and the World Golf Hall of Fame, an entertaining mix of conventional museum-style exhibits and cutting-edge video presentations.

The brainchild of former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, the hall is designed to reflect both golf's past and the spirit of the game. The 18 peaks of the roof of Boston architect E. Verner Johnson's glass-and-steel shrine represent the 18 holes in a round of golf. And the front curve of the building is meant to symbolize the arc of a golf swing.

Try your hand at the King and Bear course, courtesy of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. COURTESY WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

A barrage of archival films unreel on screens large and small throughout the hall. In the Bob Hope Theatre, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and other immortals appear in a video highlighting the comedian's famous passion for the game. Also rolling in a never-ending loop is film of astronaut Alan Shepard's six-iron shot during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission, the swing that made golf the first interplanetary sport.

The Slammer and Squire is also part of the World Golf Village.

Interactive exhibits include a putting green where visitors can try their luck with old-style wood-shafted putters and gutta percha balls. Another highlight is the Trophy Room at the top of the Hall of Fame Tower, which holds the World Cup, the President's Cup and many more of golf's most famous baubles.

But the spiritual heart of the museum is Shell Hall, where handcrafted bronze relief plaques of each of the 141 honoured members line the Wall of Fame like ancient sarcophagi.

Even more fascinating — and intimately revealing — is the Member Locker Room, featuring more than 2,000 artifacts and memorabilia from the hall's members in lockers dedicated to telling their individual stories.

Found here are Nicklaus's favourite fly fishing rod, Babe Zaharias's harmonica, one of the two Purple Hearts won by Lloyd Mangrum in the Second World War, and the 1970 and 1972 World Team jacket worn by Marlene Stewart Streit, the winner of every major title in women's amateur golf, who in 2004 became Canada's first — and still only — inductee to the hall.

Found almost in the shadow of the hall is the PGA Tour Golf Academy, the only teaching facility that carries the PGA Tour name.

Golf in the land of greats

Right on the World Golf Village property are the two excellent golf courses. Opened in 1998, the 6,939-yard Slammer and Squire course snakes tightly through wetlands before widening and wrapping around the hall. The layout was designed by Bobby Weed with input from Sam Snead (the Slammer) and Gene Sarazen (the Squire). Palmer and Nicklaus, in their only design collaboration, built the King and Bear course, a 7,279-yard beast opened in 2000. Palmer (the King) handled the layout's original routing, which Nicklaus (the Bear) then refined.

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Turning a passion into a career

Childhood dream. Emily den Haan talks to Metro about why she chose to pursue a career in the agricultural sector

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As many students and recent graduates know, figuring out what career path you want to pursue is almost as challenging as actually pursuing it.

But fourth-year University of Guelph student Emily den Haan knew early on her heart was in the agricultural industry.

Growing up on a dairy farm got her actively involved in the agricultural community right from the get-go, and participating in 4-H immersed her even further in the industry.

"The industry is full of people who are passionate and keen to help youth get involved and educated in all sectors of agriculture," she says. "Learning from these mentors made getting involved and learning about the ag industry fun and exciting and allowed me to develop a passion for agriculture at a young age."

In the midst of pursuing her bachelor of science in agriculture and getting actively involved on campus, Emily also began to build up her career outside of school with a summer job at an international seed company.

Emily shares how she pursued her passion and where she sees her career heading.

What are the biggest challenges you have faced with this job and in this industry?

Without an intense cropping background I found it a steep learning curve to understand and communicate with other employees or sales reps at first. It was challenging but by asking questions and being keen to learn and take in information, I learned quickly. I find these challenges are the most rewarding and beneficial because you learn so much just by stepping outside of your comfort zone and learning about something you are not familiar with.

What do you love the most about this industry?

I really enjoy building relationships and working with sales reps and customers by providing trial information or helping them plant plots. It goes back to why I fell in love with agriculture to begin with — the people are great to work with.

What are some of the coolest experiences you have had so far working in agriculture?

Seeing all the diverse farming practices and production systems in Canada and across North and South America was a pretty exciting and noteworthy experience for me. In my second year of university I went to Costa Rica on an international agriculture field trip. It was really neat to compare their practices and farms with ours back in Canada.

In August 2012 I went on the Midwest Crop Tour with the university, which was another huge eye-opener to the diversity of mindsets and priorities on farms across the U.S. and Canada. Seeing all the different political and financial situations in different places definitely opens your eyes to the opportunities you could potentially bring home, but also makes you appreciate some of the everyday aspects of farming that we may take for granted some days.

What are your future goals?

I will be working in agricultural banking upon graduation in April 2013 and eventually, in the next five to 10 years, I plan on returning home to the dairy farm.

What advice could you offer to other students entering the agricultural field?

Get involved, interact and meet people. The agriculture industry is a very connected industry and ideas, issues and solutions are shared across all sectors. To me this is a huge benefit the ag industry has, in that we can learn from each other and continue to move forward.

Being able to communicate with past and current producers, colleagues and sales reps opens so many opportunities for growth and development for yourself and the industry as a whole. It is a sector full of knowledgeable people wanting to share what they know, especially with a younger audience, so just be open and take it all in.

Looking ahead

"There is a huge future in agriculture — you just have to find where your passion is and continue to drive in that direction."
University of Guelph student Emily den Haan

The agricultural industry is full of knowledgeable people wanting to share what they know. ISTOCK IMAGES

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The agriculture industry offers career opportunities to those who have specialized skill sets. ISTOCK IMAGES

How to succeed in the agriculture business

There are two kinds of wheat varieties: durum and non-durum. The wheat you consume is durum, while livestock feed uses non-durum wheat. Since wheat is the Prairies' main agricultural export, every farmer knows the difference between durum and non-durum wheat.

But here's the thing: to succeed in the agricultural industry, you don't need to know this. You'll learn about the industry on the job but all you need to start off is a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude.

While the same could be said of any job in any industry, the agriculture industry is unique in that there are certain areas that need strengthening. From my experience, these areas include logistics and marketing.

As a marketer, the route I took involved specializing in online marketing. Countless SEO firms are springing up and targeting agriculture companies because of the gap in this specialization. A company that is able to internalize online marketing costs would see better returns on their investment in online advertising — and this was my niche upon entering the agriculture industry.

Secondly, you'll need to be able to learn and learn fast. To show your manager — or anyone else who has a say over your career path — that you're serious about a career in agriculture, you'll need to invest in educating yourself on the company's product.

And this doesn't have to be boring. You can read online articles, watch YouTube videos, read Fertilizer International (if that's your product) or read buyer's guides for farm machinery. But don't play FarmVille — that really won't help.

Don't forget to offer up a great attitude and work ethic. Although this point may seem obvious, it's also imperative. Even in my short career, I've seen people idling through their obligatory eight hours.

Agriculture is a seasonal industry so you'll experience weeks that are slower than others. But even then, make sure you remain productive by working on long-term projects or preparing yourself for the upcoming season.

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Making an impression

Your first impression is the most important and once people have an idea of who you are, it's exponentially harder to change their minds.

- The impact your attitude can have on your career is something you shouldn't underestimate.

City slickers: try Ag on for size

Don't fancy yourself a farmer? No matter — the agriculture industry is in need of specializations from engineering to biotechnology

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No matter what your major is or what your interests are, there's likely a career for you in agriculture. And if you've never considered working in the agriculture industry — or you still think working in agriculture means toiling in the sun — read on.

Right now, the industry is in need of specializations ranging from biotechnology to law to graphic design.

If you're like me, a city dweller who spends more time indoors than outdoors, you may question how the agriculture industry would suit you.

But working in the agriculture industry can be incredibly satisfying, the opportunities are endless, and it's one of the more stable industries out there — after all, we all have to eat.

Why choose agriculture?

Agriculture is an industry that often gets overlooked for the more sought after industries, such as oil and gas and the financial sector.

But most agricultural companies offer a laid-back atmosphere, which is a great transition from student life. In no other industry would I get to drive a tractor in a suit or get VIP seats to a chuckwagon race or act as Brock Lesnar's photographer for a day (yep, he's a farm boy!)

Of course, your experience will be different from mine, depending on your field and the company you work for. But at the end of the day, you can go home knowing you helped put food on millions of tables and had fun while doing so.

What jobs are available?

A recent report by the University of Guelph found that there's more than three jobs per agricultural graduate in Ontario. In the Prairies, the industry has never been stronger.

Because of the size of the industry, there are opportunities within almost every field. Engineers are needed for the development of industrial equipment, from GPS farming technology (known as precision farming) to 30-ton tractors, while computer scientists are needed in areas such as data processing and data storage.

I work as an online marketing specialist for Rocky Mountain Equipment, an agriculture equipment dealer group. While my expertise lies in SEO, SEM, PPC and a few other fancy acronyms, other marketers in my company have specializations ranging from event planning to client relations, graphic design and public relations.

Then there are the advertising agencies. AdFarm and Woodruff Sweitzer are full-service advertising agencies that cater only to agricultural clients. AdFarm has offices across the Prairies, with teams of graphic designers and account executives at each office.

And for the science majors, there are the agricultural sciences. If you're not sure what to do with your B.Sc, consider

Canada's agricultural sector employs one in eight Canadians. ISTOCK IMAGES

that the agriculture industry employs biochemists, entomologists, geneticists and biotechnologists, just to name a few career paths.

And still, there are countless opportunities I have yet to touch on, including engineering positions for John Deere (which spends $2 million a day on R&D), to loan officer and financial analyst positions for TD Canada Trust's Agriculture Services or Scotiabank's Agricultural Banking divisions. Chances are, no matter what your passions are, there's a career for you in agriculture.

What about job security?

The easy answer to this question is that we all need to eat. But to take this a step further, Canada's agricultural sector is likely Canada's most stable industry. It accounts for 8.1 per cent of Canada's GDP, employs one in eight Canadians, and the industry has grown a steady 1.5 per cent each year since 1997.

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Student Voice

Have a plan, but be ready to embrace change

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After attending three different universities and switching programs three times, I finally landed in political science at the University of Toronto.

It was an unlikely decision, considering my path began with public relations in a media studies program at Humber. I quickly realized this was not the right fit for me and instead pursued studies in an arts and business program at the University of Waterloo.

After a year and a half, I landed my first co-op job at the University of Toronto in a student centre. I loved coming to work every day, even if I missed having classmates at school. This co-op position turned into a full-time job for three years.

When I did go back to finish my degree, I transferred to U of T, which was my new home. Going back to school full-time was a huge challenge — I had gotten used to a student lifestyle, but with a salary and no homework.

When I did go back to class I wasn't sure where it would lead me. Like many of my friends, I decided to apply for a post-graduate program at a college in Toronto.

It turns out life had another plan in mind for me. Three weeks after my classes ended I saw a posting for the job I have today. Knowing my path has been full of twists and turns I decided to go for it.

My philosophy of having a plan but embracing change paid off, and I love what I'm doing now.

Looking back, I resent years of "career planning" that began in grade 10. What happened to being flexible? What about the fact that many of the careers most of us will pursue don't even exist yet? My job wasn't even created until seven months ago.

What I'm doing now

I'm working jointly with Alumni Relations and Student Life at the University of Toronto.

My advice for employers

Don't be afraid to invest in young people. My employer took a chance on me when I was only 19, and it paid off for both of us. Young people often bring a level of enthusiasm and fresh perspective that can be a welcome addition to any workplace.

My advice for students and recent grads

Embrace change! Planning out your whole life at the age of 19 is overrated.

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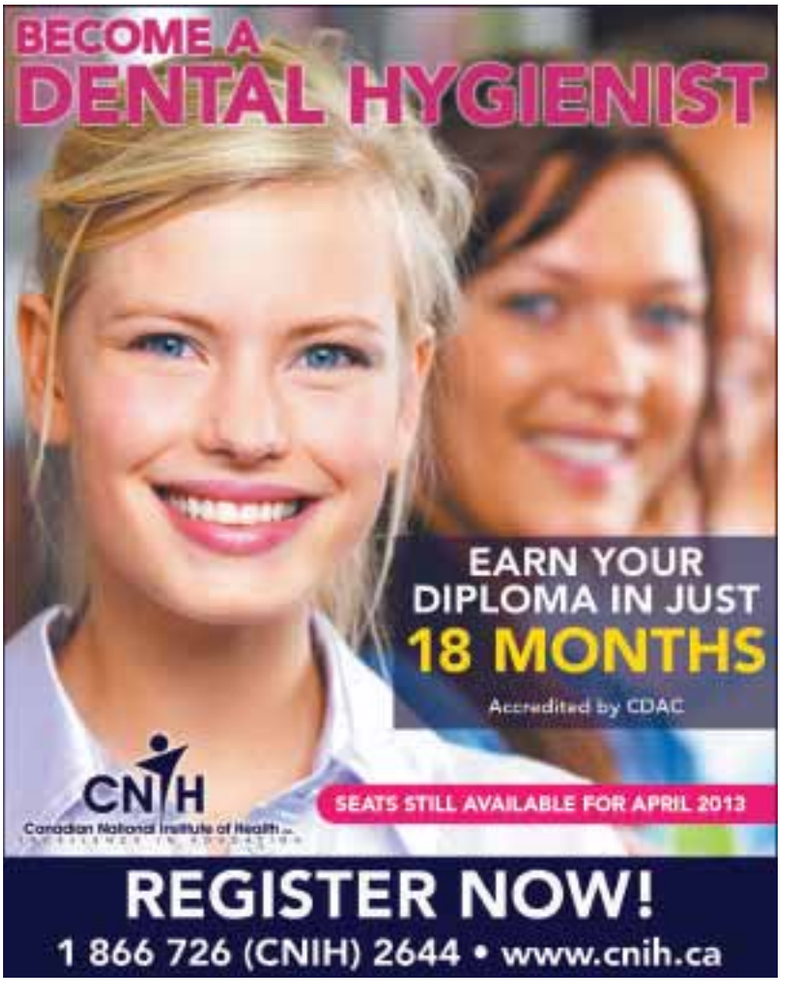

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CREATE A SWEETER FUTURE

CUPCAKE DAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HUMANE SOCIETIES AND SPCAS

This mother and her pups were found in distress, but thanks to SPCA intervention and donor support all the dogs are now fully recovered and have been adopted into loving homes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Animal lovers, bakers and confectionary connoisseurs across the country are invited to bake cupcakes and raise funds for Canada's inaugural national fundraising program for SPCAs and humane societies.

National Cupcake Day, Monday, Feb. 25, is organized by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) with many participating organizations across the country.

"We are encouraging people to register online at nationalcupcakeday.ca and then to bake and offer cupcakes by donation on Feb. 25, with all proceeds going to support their favourite participating SPCA or humane society," says Rosemary Conder, chief development officer of the BC SPCA. "Supporters can host National Cupcake Day parties in their homes, bake cupcakes to take to school or the office or offer them by donation in the community. It's an easy and fun way to make a life-saving difference in the lives of animals who desperately need our help."

"We hope animal lovers will encourage their family and friends to donate online and to support their efforts by attending local National Cupcake Day parties, collecting donations or hosting events of their own," says Marc Ralsky, director, community and donor development for the OSPCA. "Everyone loves cupcakes, and they taste even sweeter when you know it's for a good cause."

The event originated in Australia, developed by creative and passionate fundraisers at the RSPCA in New South Wales.

"The event there currently raises $1 million annually Down Under," Conder says.

"And our RSPCA colleagues have been generously sharing their resources to make it a reality in Canada."

Once registered online, participants are mailed a National Cupcake Day host kit, which includes a poster, sticker, balloons and fundraising guide, making it easy for those who want to participate and help animals in need. Even if you are fashionably late joining in on the fun, you are welcome to continue fundraising or hosting an event after Feb. 25.

"This event is a team effort and every donation and cupcake counts," Ralsky says. "We would like to thank all participants and our generous sponsors Petsecure, Reynolds and BMO. Together we will be helping create a healthier and happier future for animals."

To us, every animal is family.

We're proud to support the SPCA.

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Super food quinoa made easy in corn, bell pepper & spinach salad

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Quinoa is a "super" food — low glycemic, with an abundance of nutrients. Containing eight essential amino acids, it's the only grain that's considered a complete protein, making this recipe a vegetarian's delight.

Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 1/2 cups canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp seeded minced jalapeño pepper
- 4 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup crumbled light feta cheese
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

1. Bring quinoa and stock to boil. Cover and simmer 15 mins., just until stock is absorbed and quinoa tender. Remove from heat and place in serving bowl.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn approximately 8 mins., just until browned, stirring. Set aside.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add diced onion, bell pepper, garlic, cumin and jalapeño pepper and sauté until onion begins to brown, about 5 mins. Add spinach and water. Cook until spinach wilts, 2 mins.

4. Remove from heat. Stir in green onion, cilantro, cheese, olive oil, lemon juice and sautéed corn. Add mix to quinoa and combine. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

Quinoa with Charred Corn, Bell Pepper & Spinach Salad

This recipe serves four. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Stoli Kokopolitan

This sweet treat not only looks great but it tastes delicious, too. With its cranberry juice and chocolate vodka, it's quite the combo!

- 2 parts Chocolate Kokonut Stoli vodka
- 3/4 parts pomegranate juice or cranberry juice
- 1/2 part fresh lime juice
- 1/4-1/2 parts simple syrup

Combine the vodka, pomegranate or cranberry juice, fresh lime juice and simple syrup.
Shake over ice and serve.
METRO WORLD NEWS

Get the kids involved in making a customized Pitazza

Making your own version of your favourite take-out meals at home means you can control the amount of sodium and fat your family is consuming — without compromising on flavour.

If you stock your freezer with whole-wheat pita and your pantry with healthy pasta sauce, you will always have the base for a perfect Pitazza at a moment's notice.

To add protein to your Pitazza without the extra sodium, roast a whole chicken. Remove the meat and store in your fridge. Freeze the bones for when you have spare time to make your own, low-sodium chicken broth.

You can also top with your other favourite pizza toppings for a customized version of the Pitazza.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (205 C).

This recipe serves two. NEWS CANADA

2. On large baking sheet arrange pita bread. Spread 1/4 cup (50 ml) Healthy Choice Garlic and Fine Herb tomato sauce evenly on each pita half.

3. Top with 1/4 cup (50 ml) each: peppers, mushroom and 2 tbsp (25 ml) red onion. Evenly sprinkle crumbled feta cheese.

4. Bake for about 12 minutes or until the pita crust is golden.
NEWS CANADA/FACEBOOK.COM/HEALTHYCHOICECANADA

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Healthy Choice Garlic and Fine Herb pasta sauce
- 1 90 g whole wheat pita, split in half to make 2 circles
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) finely sliced peppers (red, orange and/or yellow)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) minced red onion
- 2 tbsp low-fat feta cheese crumbled or your favourite low-fat cheese

Snack. Almond-Herb Dip

This guilt-free dip is the perfect partner for fresh vegetables like baby carrots, cherry tomatoes and zucchini slices. Using low-fat yogurt and crunchy roasted almonds, you can customize your own herb combination.

1. If desired, thicken yogurt by lining a medium-sized bowl with cheesecloth. Wrap cheesecloth edges around outside of bowl and secure with rubber band. Pull cheesecloth edges to leave some space between cheesecloth and bottom of bowl for liquid to drip and collect.

2. Place yogurt in cheesecloth bowl and allow liquid to drip out for 30 minutes, refrigerated. Discard liquid.

3. Combine yogurt, almonds, herbs, green onion, salt and pepper in a bowl. Serve with fresh vegetables.
NEWS CANADA/ ALMONDBOARD.COM

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) plain, low-fat yogurt
- 1, 10-12-inch square of cheesecloth and 1 large rubber band
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) slivered almonds, roasted
- 5 tbsp (75 ml) chopped fresh herbs (any combination of parsley, dill, chives, chervil, basil and tarragon)
- 1 green onion, trimmed and diced
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
- 4-6 cups (1-1.5 L) fresh vegetables for dipping, such as baby carrots, trimmed green beans, broccoli florets or strips of zucchini or bell pepper

CFL

Cauchy Muamba joins brother on Blue Bombers

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed Canadian free-agent safety Cauchy Muamba on Tuesday.

Muamba spent the last three seasons with the B.C. Lions. He started 17 games with the squad last year, registering 41 tackles, one forced fumble and two interceptions.

In Winnipeg, he'll join his brother, Henoc, a linebacker who the Bombers selected first overall in the 2011 CFL draft from St. Francis Xavier.

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CFL

Alouettes hire Hawkins as coach

Once again, general manager Jim Popp went outside the box to find a head coach for the Montreal Alouettes.

On Tuesday, the CFL club hired Dan Hawkins to replace Marc Trestman who was named the Chicago Bears head coach last month. Hawkins, 52, arrives in Montreal with no previous Canadian football coaching experience.

Hawkins spent the last two seasons as a college football analyst for ESPN but served as the head coach at Boise State and Colorado. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dan Hawkins
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Buffalo Sabres defenceman Alexander Sulzer and goaltender Ryan Miller react as the puck enters the net for the game-winning goal by Winnipeg Jets captain Andrew Ladd, unseen, during the second period on Tuesday in Buffalo, N.Y. GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jets' Pavelec makes 200th game special

NHL. Winnipeg goalie turns aside 29 shots in narrow victory

So long as goalie Ondrej Pavelec stays on top of his game, Winnipeg Jets coach Claude Noel doesn't have to worry much about his team's struggling offence.

Pavelec did his part on Tuesday night, making 29 saves to help the Jets snap a three-game skid with a 2-1 win over the unravelling Buffalo Sabres.

"I thought Pavelec was fabulous, especially with that kind of pressure," Noel said. "Pavelec's been really good, and in this game he was outstanding."

And that made it easier for Noel to assess his offence extending its string to seven games since scoring three goals in regulation.

"To me it isn't about scoring goals. We're going to get our goals," Noel said. "For me, this is really good for morale. It really gives us something to build off of."

Pavelec was particularly sharp in stopping the final 11 shots he faced after Jason Pominville scored to cut the Jets' lead to 2-1 in the final minute of the second period.

On Tuesday

Jets	Sabres
2	1

Andrew Ladd's goal that made it 2-0 early in the second stood up as the winner, and Bryan Little also scored for Winnipeg. The Jets won for the third time in 10 games while opening a season-high five-game road swing.

"After three straight losses, we wanted to get a good feeling back in the room," Ladd said.

Demoralization and frustration continues to creep into the Sabres' locker-room, which remained closed for 15 minutes after the players were booed off the ice.

"It's obviously disappointing and frustrating," Pominville said. "We've got to be better."

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Paralympics will weather storm: IPC prez

Oscar Pistorius competes at the Paralympics in London, England on Sept. 5, 2012. Pistorius appeared in court Tuesday, the first of a two-day bail hearing.
EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

As Oscar Pistorius offered his first defence against a murder charge, the head of the Paralympics tried to reassure members Tuesday that the organization has a strong future even without its star athlete.

International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven told The Associated Press he has been in a state of "shock and disbelief" since Pistorius was charged with premeditated murder in last week's shooting of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius enjoyed a record-breaking Paralympics last year and had been central to plans to maintain the momentum of disability sports. Now, he has pulled out of all future races.

Quoted

"We've got so many stars coming through that this will not be an issue."

International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven on the impact of Paralympic star athlete Oscar Pistorius being charged with murder.

The South African helped generate unprecedented interest in the Paralympics by becoming the first double amputee sprinter to compete at the Olympics. Craven wants to ensure the Paralympics' progress is not damaged by the fallout from Pistorius' case.

"Even since this tragedy happened, it's still been 'London, London, London' and what happened there — a unique moment in times that still continues in the hearts and minds of people."

Craven pointed to British sprinter Jonnie Peacock, who deposed Pistorius as 100-metre champion at the Paralympics, and Alan Oliveira, who took the 200 title in front of a crowd of some 80,000 in the London Olympic Stadium.

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4 SPORTS

Nova Scotia vice-skip Colleen Jones, left, and skip Mary-Anne Arsenault study a shot at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Tuesday in Kingston, Ont. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Delahunt at home under pressure

Curling. Nova Scotia veteran alternate says Scotties spotlight 'feels like one of my homes'

You can't blame Nova Scotia alternate Nancy Delahunt for wanting to get as close to the action as possible.

The Scotties ice is familiar territory for the two-time world champion, who made her first appearance here over two decades ago and has won five national women's curling titles since.

"It really feels like one of my homes," Delahunt said. "We've been here a lot."

Delahunt is serving as the fifth with her longtime teammates and friends this year in Kingston, Ont. She teamed with Mary-Anne Arsenault, Colleen Jones and Kim Kelly to win five Scotties titles over six years from 1999 through 2004.

The core group split in 2006 but got back together last season, adding newcomer Jen Baxter at lead.

Now instead of holding the broom, Delahunt takes in the action from the coaching bench. Sporting a blue and white Nova Scotia warmup jacket, she'll often slowly lean forward on her chair when her teammates throw stones.

She can't get enough of the action, especially given the connection she has to her teammates.

"I didn't think I'd be back," Delahunt said. "I was here in '08 and sort of said my goodbyes then and thought that was it. But it was fun when this team got put together and I said I would do anything I could to help them out.

"It's kind of nice to have a bit of the old mix and a bit of some newness."

Nova Scotia did not fare well with a tough early round-robin schedule. The veteran side opened with a loss to Quebec before falling to powerhouse rinks Manitoba, B.C., and Team Canada.

Arsenault bounced back by skipping her side to a 10-7 win over Kerry Galusha of the Northwest Territories-Yukon on Tuesday.

"It's nice to get the first win — and that even was hard," said vice-skip Colleen Jones. "Like all of the sudden you're going, 'We could still give this away.' It's amazing. You forget how much hard work it is to plow through the tough times of a game and try to eke out a win."

Nova Scotia improved to 2-4 in the evening draw with a 7-5 victory over Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay whose record is also 2-4.

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Three to beat?

The three unbeaten rinks all posted wins Tuesday night to remain tied in first place at 6-0. Team Canada's Heather Nedohin beat B.C.'s Kelly Scott 7-5, Manitoba's Jennifer Jones topped Kristie Moore's Alberta rink 9-6 and Ontario's Rachel Homan defeated Quebec's Allison Ross 8-4.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	14	.720	—
New York	32	18	.640	4
Indiana	32	21	.604	5½
Brooklyn	32	22	.593	6
Chicago	31	22	.585	6½
Atlanta	29	22	.569	7½
Boston	28	24	.538	9
Milwaukee	26	26	.500	11
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	14½
Toronto	**22**	**32**	**.407**	**16**
Detroit	21	34	.382	17½
Cleveland	16	37	.302	21½
Washington	15	37	.288	22
Orlando	15	38	.283	22½
Charlotte	13	40	.245	24½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	.778	—
Oklahoma City	39	14	.736	2½
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4
Memphis	34	18	.654	7
Denver	33	21	.611	9
Golden State	30	22	.577	11
Utah	30	24	.556	12
Houston	29	26	.527	13½
Portland	25	28	.472	16½
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	17
Dallas	23	29	.442	18
Minnesota	19	31	.380	21
New Orleans	19	35	.352	23
Sacramento	19	35	.352	23
Phoenix	17	36	.321	24½

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 96 Washington 88
Charlotte 105 Orlando 92
Memphis 105 Detroit 91
Brooklyn 113 Milwaukee 111 (OT)
Chicago 96 New Orleans 87
Boston at Denver
Golden State at Utah
Phoenix at Portland
San Antonio at Sacramento

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Memphis at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	16	11	5	0	52	38	22
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	42	38	22
NY Rangers	15	8	6	1	39	38	17
Philadelphia	17	7	9	1	45	49	15
NY Islanders	16	6	9	1	46	57	13

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	16	11	4	1	46	35	23
Boston	13	9	2	2	37	31	20
Toronto	17	10	7	0	48	40	20
Ottawa	17	9	6	2	40	32	20
Buffalo	17	6	10	1	47	56	13

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	14	8	5	1	41	40	17
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	59	47	17
Winnipeg	15	6	8	1	37	47	13
Florida	15	4	7	4	35	56	12
Washington	15	5	9	1	41	51	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	15	12	0	3	51	31	27
St. Louis	15	9	5	1	52	48	19
Nashville	16	7	4	5	35	35	19
Detroit	15	7	6	2	40	44	16
Columbus	16	4	10	2	36	51	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	14	8	3	3	41	33	19
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	33	38	16
Edmonton	14	6	5	3	35	38	15
Colorado	14	6	7	1	37	43	13
Calgary	14	5	6	3	39	51	13

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
San Jose	14	7	4	3	37	33	17
Dallas	16	8	7	1	41	43	17
Los Angeles	13	5	6	2	30	36	12

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Montreal 3 NY Rangers 1
Winnipeg 2 Buffalo 1
Ottawa 3 NY Islanders 1
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 2
San Jose at St. Louis
Detroit at Nashville
Vancouver at Chicago
Los Angeles at Edmonton

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
Philadelphia 7 NY Islanders 0
Colorado 6 Nashville 5
Montreal 3 Carolina 0
Toronto 3 Florida 0
Phoenix 4 Calgary 0
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

LIGHTNING 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 6 (Pouliot, St. Louis) 9:25
2. Toronto, Grabovski 4 (Kulemin, Macarthur) 17:59
Penalties — Bench Tor (Too Many Men) 1:40, Crombeen TBL (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Misconduct) 7:56.
Second Period
3. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 10 (Conacher, Pouliot) 4:56
Penalties — Purcell TBL (Tripping) 1:34, van Riemsdyk Tor (Hooking) 6:52, Scrivens Tor (Tripping) 13:06, Brown Tor (Holding) 15:30, Stamkos TBL (Hooking) 15:41.
Third Period
4. Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Crombeen) 2:49
5. Tampa Bay, Carle 3 (Pouliot, Hedman) 6:58 (pp)
6. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 9 (Kessel, Bozak) 16:08
Penalties — Grabovski Tor (Hooking) 5:29, Hedman TBL (Fighting) 11:08, Kadri Tor (Fighting) 11:08, Orr Tor (Roughing) 11:08, Orr Tor (Misconduct) 11:08, Aulie TBL (High-sticking) 14:03, Aulie TBL (Fighting) 14:03, Fraser Tor (Fighting) 14:03.
Shots on goal:

Toronto	**9**	**7**	**9—25**
Tampa Bay	**4**	**6**	**9—19**

Goal — Toronto: Scrivens (L, 4-4-0). Tampa Bay: Lindback (W, 7-3-1).
Power plays (goal-chances) — Toronto: 0-3. Tampa Bay: 1-6.
Referees — Justin St. Pierre, Kelly Sutherland.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Darren Gibbs.
Attendance — 19,204 at Tampa, Fla.

NBA

Raptors roll past Wizards in D.C.

DeMar DeRozan and Rudy Gay scored 24 points apiece, and the Toronto Raptors won a matchup between slow-starting, coming-on-lately teams Tuesday night with a 96-88 victory over the Washington Wizards.

The Raptors took the lead for good in the second quarter and won their fifth straight game, putting them one victory shy of last season's total.

The Raptors have also won three in a row on the road for the first time since 2007 and are 6-2 since Gay arrived last month from the Memphis Grizzlies in a three-team trade.

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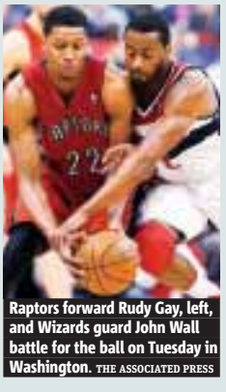

Raptors forward Rudy Gay, left, and Wizards guard John Wall battle for the ball on Tuesday in Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's buyer beware for used Cherokees with modifications

Second Gear.
2006-2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8

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Chrysler's SRT team worked their magic on the Grand Cherokee for the 2006 model year, creating a fire-breathing SUV that would become the best-selling SRT8 model yet. With room for a family and its things, a 6.1 litre, 425-horsepower V8 engine and all-wheel drive, it was a hot-rod sport-ute that drivers could use all year round. All models got a five-speed automatic transmission with manual mode.

And, best of all, unlike models from across the pond, this HEMI-powered monstrosity didn't require parting with an appendage to own.

Common Issues

First-generation Grand Cherokee SRT8 shoppers are advised to scrutinize the condition of consumable parts like brakes, tires and suspension, and have the vehicle's underside checked for signs of damage or leakage.

Checking service records is also advised. Be sure the seller isn't trying to pass off a unit that's wearing a set of fried tires and brake pads.

Be cautious of any model that's fitted with upgrades beyond simple intake and exhaust modifications. Note that some modifications may adversely affect reliability, warranty coverage and even be illegal.

Have a mechanic inspect the transfer case for signs of leakage, which could indicate a bad seal. Look for any check-engine lights that may be illuminated, and be sure to triple-check the air conditioning system for proper operation, too.

The presence of "groaning"or "grinding" sounds from the rear of the vehicle during turning could indicate a worn-out or damaged rear differential. Clunking or popping sound from beneath the vehicle when driving over bumps could indicate a worn-out suspension component.

What to look for

Look for upgraded Brembo brakes and suspension, wheels and tires and a variety of track-ready improvements. Forget taking this Jeep in the dirt though — it's lowered suspension and front air-dam wouldn't approve. Feature content included heated leather, navigation, premium audio, a sunroof and plenty more.

What owners like

Most Grand Cherokee SRT8 owners rave about crushing performance, looks, sound effects and year-round operation combined with everyday flexible utility. Obviously, passing power, acceleration and braking performance are highly rated.

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What owners dislike

Fuel consumption, limited rear-seat space and a sometimes-rough ride are among the most common complaints of the Grand Cherokee SRT8. Additionally, some wish for a more "upscale" interior feel, though a mid-cycle refresh of the Grand Cherokee did fit some additional premium materials to address this concern.

Verdict

Seek out a Grand Cherokee SRT8 that hasn't been abused and neglected, and you can expect a reliable and affordable way to access world-class family SUV performance.

Under pressure: save money and keep safe

Maintaining proper tire pressure is one of the easiest ways to lengthen the life of your tires and save you money. Learning the basics of tire inflation will go a long way in benefiting you, your vehicle and your wallet.

"Properly inflated tires provide even ground contact which prevents your tires from wearing disproportionately and reduces rolling resistance meaning lower fuel consumption," explains tire expert Bill Hume, vice-president of Hankook Tire Canada.

"The improved fuel economy could save you up to two weeks' worth of pump costs per year."

So how do you know if your tires are at the right level?

Why is tire pressure so important?

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- Check your inflation levels monthly by inserting a tire pressure gauge into the valve stem when the tire is cold. The number should match the suggested inflation listed on the drivers' side door placard or the vehicle owner's manual.
- Over-inflated tires are more susceptible to damage and can lead to a harsher, bumpier ride, while under-inflation can increase wear and create drag. A quick visual check may seem tempting; however, tires can be under-inflated by 20 per cent and still look perfect.
- Keeping tire pressure basics in mind is the first step towards maintaining vehicle performance and enjoying a safe ride.

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Tires can be under-inflated by 20 per cent and still look perfect. NEWS CANADA

Diesel flag keeps flying high

Auto Pilot. Car companies betting on Canadians' love of diesel, despite our neighbours' reservations

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Ried Bigland, Chrysler Canada president, at the Toronto auto show with the new 2013 Ram Heavy Duty packing the 6.7-litre Cummins diesel engine. Bigland announced that the light-duty Ram 1500 pickups will also get diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by its Italian partners, VM Motori. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

You can feel the current swirling around your rubber boots — the ones with the little ducks on them. Each successive auto show yields another announcement about another diesel entry.

In December at the L.A. auto show, we learned that Mazda6 will eventually have a 2.2-litre diesel option, and that Audi will be adding four new diesel variations to its lineup. Audi Q7 can already be optioned with a TDI, and now the TDI joy spreads to A6, A7, A8 and Q5.

At Detroit in January, Chrysler announced its revitalized 2014 Grand Cherokee will get a diesel — a 3.0-litre V6 developed and manufactured by Fiat's long-term supplier, VM Motori.

A few weeks later in Chicago, GM announced Chevrolet Cruise would join the diesel party.

And now we come to the auto show on this week in Toronto. At a press conference at the show last Thursday, Chrysler said its Ram 1500 pickup would also get that 3.0-litre V6 destined for the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Of course, all these new diesel vehicles will join those already in the Canadian market by diesel zealots Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and BMW.

The interesting thing about this last batch of diesel announcements is they concern more mainstream, high-volume segments, like compact car, light-duty truck, and mid-size crossover. With the noticeable exception of Volkswagen Jetta and Golf diesels, the German manufacturers have been flying the diesel flag at lofty levels — basically as a premium option in an already premium nameplate.

At the Toronto show I ran into auto industry analyst Denis DesRosiers, who believes the big diesel shift in this country will come when one of the manufacturers is prepared to — or is able to — offer a diesel in or around $20,000.

Right now, diesel seems to be about a $7,000 to $10,000 option, depending on the model. Not only are diesels engines more complicated, they often require beefier transmissions to handle their increased torque. And, they're typically offered on more upscale trim levels, pushing their MSRPs even higher.

If we get diesels down into cheaper segments and on cheaper trim lines, then we'll get somewhere. According to DesRosiers, Canadians are already in love with diesels.

And what's not to love? Their increased torque translates to great every day driving experiences. They have huge range. They last forever and offer great resale potential. They're even "green" — though increased emission regulations will push the technology, and keep their prices comparatively high.

Americans still harbour misconceptions about diesels. Specifically that diesels are smelly and noisy, and that diesel fuel itself is in short supply and hard to find. You might even have to fight with truckers at truck stops to get your share!

Canadians are so past that, says DesRosiers. And we're so past my word count for this column. So gotta go. See you next week.

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Keep your eyes on the road

Driving Force. Hyundai introduces eye-tracking and 3D tech in concept vehicle

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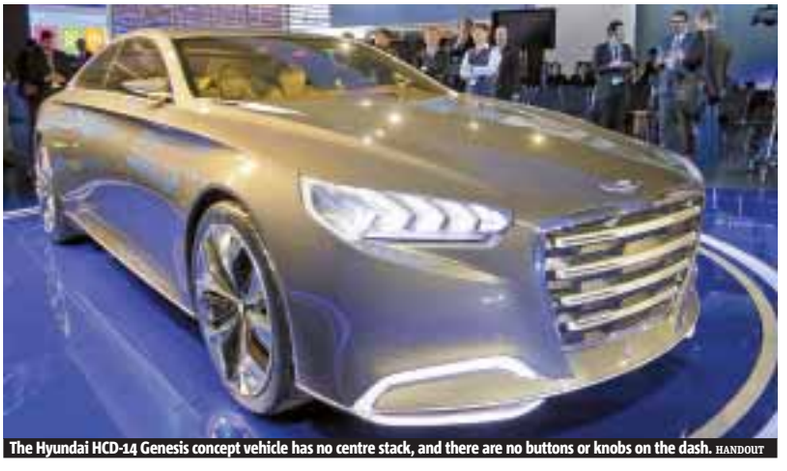

The Hyundai HCD-14 Genesis concept vehicle has no centre stack, and there are no buttons or knobs on the dash. HANDOUT

The safest way to drive is with your eyes on the road, of course. Still, that isn't always easy to do when there are numerous controls that you have to adjust for the climate, stereo and other functions.

Hyundai thinks it may have the answer with a new system that uses eye-tracking and 3D technology to handle some of the car's functions. The technology has been demonstrated in the company's HCD-14 Genesis concept vehicle, but there's no timeline on when it might be available in production vehicles.

"Premium vehicles have (numerous) buttons, knobs, dials and switches, and it's overwhelming," says Michael Ricciuto, national manager of product and strategic planning for Hyundai Canada. "We want to simplify it so that customers get the full benefit of functionality, but with their eyes primarily on driving."

The design shown in the concept car has no centre stack, and there are no buttons or knobs on the dash. When the driver wants to control a function, he first presses a button on the steering wheel, which activates the system.

A small head's-up display shows up on the lower part of the windshield, with icons for each of the car's various systems. When the driver looks at the one he wants, several small cameras track his eye movements and determine which one to select.

From there, the driver puts his hand in front of a sensor area near the console and make a gesture to control the function, such as turning the wrist, which will adjust the stereo's volume or fan speed, or a motion to select a radio station or turn on the heated seats. The system can be used for navigation controls, or for smartphone connectivity functions.

"It has to be simple and natural," Ricciuto says. "You look at the icon, turn it on with your eyes, and away you go, and that's the fundamentals of how it will work. We're preparing for the next generation of controlling a car. We can say people should turn off their devices and drive, but the reality is that won't happen, so these are the technologies we think will make it simpler and more intuitive."

More lithium

- Although the system works with hand gestures, the driver has to initiate the sequence with a button, which prevents unintended operation.
- Hyundai plans to eventually offer the system in some of its premium models in the future.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may not like making sacrifices but deep down you know that something has to go. This is the ideal time for a clear-out — be it physical, mental or emotional. Get your broom and sweep away those cobwebs.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Challenges of one kind or another have been met and overcome, and now you know you can compete on equal terms your confidence will soar. Today, however, you need to cooperate a bit more and compete a bit less.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
This is a good time to extend your education in some way. If there is a particular topic that intrigues you then find out all you can about it. What you learn will be useful to you in the months ahead.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The Sun in sympathetic Pisces encourages you to look further afield for the answers you seek. In some way or other you will be on the move today — and you'll discover things that few people know about.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't gamble with what you own and earn. You may be tempted to take some kind of financial risk, with the promise of big rewards if it goes the right way. But what if it doesn't? You cannot afford to take the chance.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Friends will do anything for you today — all you have to do is ask. But before you do, bear in mind that you should not take their goodwill for granted. The best friend is the one who doesn't expect too much.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A certain task that looked so difficult a short while ago now looks incredibly easy. So what are you waiting for? Get on with it. You may surprise yourself how easily you make a success of it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The Sun in your fellow Water sign of Pisces not only fills your heart with joy but fills your mind with all sorts of creative ideas. What you do next is up to you but do something — and make it amazing.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may seem as if the world is against you but it's not remotely true. In fact, you'll realize you have friends in all directions if you only look on the bright side and stop entertaining negative thoughts.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It is important that you know who among your friends and relatives can be trusted because if you confide in the wrong person today, the results could be disastrous. But confide you must. Don't keep your feelings to yourself.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
An issue that has been causing you sleepless nights will resolve itself over the next 24 hours, much to your relief. Next time, try not to take this kind of situation so seriously. Time heals all wounds — be they real or imagined.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You know what needs to be done today, so get on and do it. The earlier you get busy, the quicker you will get through your chores and the more time you will have to do fun things with others this evening.

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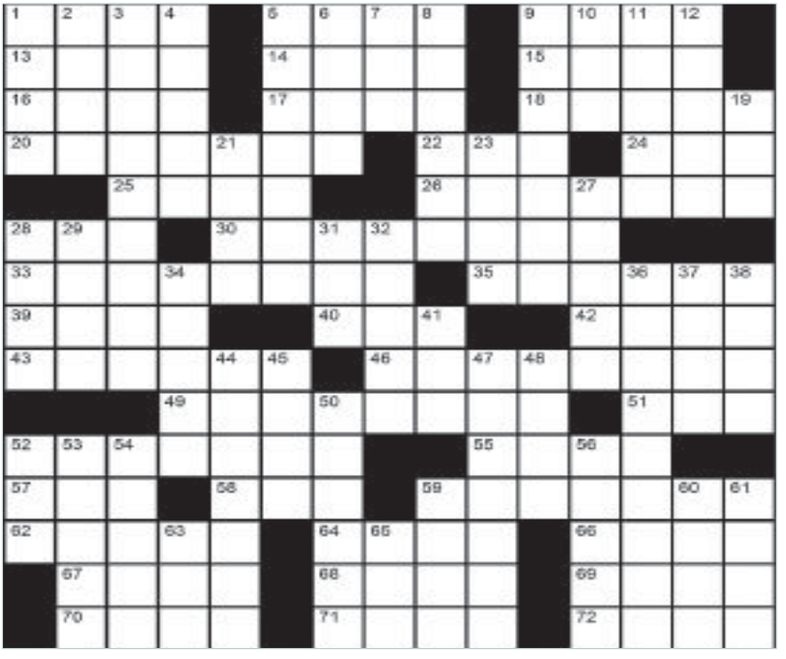
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

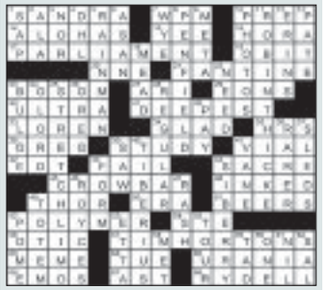
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. The __ Awards (Overseas Grammy equivalents)
5. Canada Goose monument site in Ontario
9. Capricorn, for one
13. Baroque painter, Guido __
14. Business person, briefly
15. Mr. Aoki (World Golf Hall of Famer)
16. Prefix to 'gon' (Eight-sided shape)
17. Mr. Baldwin
18. The __ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
20. Super clean and sanitary
22. 'Computer' suffix (Tech jargon)
24. "__, humbug!"
25. Tirade
26. Sentence enders.
28. UK military fliers
30. Best Actress nominee Jessica for "Zero Dark Thirty"
33. February's birthstone
35. Oscar-winning actress Marlee
39. But, in Spanish
40. Villain's chuckle, when repeated
42. Reign
43. Peace talks agreement
46. Folk music instrument
49. Oscar-winning Canadian actress Marie of "Min and Bill" (1930)
51. Dubai's locale [acronym]
52. Type of blouse or skirt
55. Audacity
57. Engine starter [abbr.]
58. Tel Aviv, __.
59. Oscar-winning film, "The English __" (1996)
62. Jaleel White's "Family Matters" role
64. Make film cuts
66. Type of duck
67. Gen. Robert _. __
68. Feminizing suffix
69. Actress Ms. Collette
70. The Yukon, e.g.
71. Free ticket
72. Nylons nick

Down
1. Warner __. (Film studio)
2. Prefix with 'angle'
3. Meddle
4. Heiress' headdress
5. Rich
6. Wheel shaft
7. Small
8. Take
9. Remote region of Russia
10. Old Testament book, for short
11. Screen legend Greta
12. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
19. Sighed sounds
21. Move along slowly
23. Crease
27. Li'l lead-in
28. Transfixed
29. USA part, for short
31. Fireplace residue
32. Flower parts
34. Some amphibians
36. Yoga wear company founded in 1998 in Vancouver
37. Figure skater Mr. Kulik
38. Ms. Leakes of reality TV
41. "Shallow __" (2001)
44. Nova Scotia-based comedy of 2001 to 2008, "__ Park Boys"
45. Hankerings
47. Invalidates
48. "Shoot!"
50. Meryl of multi-Oscars
52. More, in music
53. White-plumed heron
54. Foot-to-leg connector
56. Enumerates
59. Brooches
60. "99 Luftballons": 1980s hit for who?
61. Baby branch
63. 'Ballad' suffix
65. CSI evidence

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	6		9		3	2	5	
					7			8
5						9		3
	2		3			1	4	
				4				
	1	8			9		3	
9		1						6
8			5					
	4	3	8		2		7	

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	9	2	5	4	3	7	8
8	5	7	3	9	6	4	1	2
3	4	2	1	8	7	6	9	5
7	9	6	8	3	2	5	4	1
2	1	8	7	4	5	9	3	6
5	3	4	9	6	1	2	8	7
9	7	3	6	2	8	1	5	4
6	8	5	4	1	3	7	2	9
4	2	1	5	7	9	8	6	3

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2012	HYUNDAI	SONATA GLS	B5614	$ 22,888	$ 1,889	$ 20,999
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